THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) The Employees' Pension Scheme, 1995 is applicable to all establishments including CPSUs covered under the Employees' Provident Funds & Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952.

(b) Pension claims are being settled in respect of all eligible employees who fulfill the prescribed criteria of age and period of service. During the year 2005-2006, out of 37382* pension claims received and complete in all respects in Andhra Pradesh, 35161* were settled and only 2201* claims were pending for settlement.

(c) Widow Pension is being paid to the widows of deceased employees who were members of the Employees' Family Pension Scheme, 1971/ Employees' Pension Scheme, 1995.

(d) and (e) Do not arise in view of (c) above.

Programme to remove irregularities in provident fund of Government and non-Government employees

†3442. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had announced any time limit to implement guildelines and pregrammes to remove the irregularities regarding provident funds of lakhs of Government and non-Government employees of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith whether such programme has been implemented so far and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the action taken by Government against those higher officers who are responsible for not implementing the Government's programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) to (c) So far as the Employees' Fund Organization is concerned the Employees' Provident

*Provisional

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Funds & Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 and the schemes framed thereunder are being implemented in accordance with the provisions contained therein. If any irregularity is noticed, appropriate action is taken thereon.

Decision to rescind Notification GSR No. 936 (E) of 10.12.2003

3443. SHRI CHITTABRATA MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to refer to replies to Unstarred Questions Nos. 438 and 965 given in the Rajya Sabha on 15th July, 2004 and state:

(a) status of the decision to rescind Notification GSR No. 936 (E) dated 10th December, 2003 on fixed term employment;

(b) whether the representative of all Central Trade Unions had agreed with the draft notification dated 30th September, 2004 issued for this purpose in the Tripartite Committee meeting held on 24th December, 2004;

(c) if so, whether Government are delaying the final notification on the pressure from the employers; and

(d) if not, the reason for the unprecedented delay in withholding a notification for last 29 months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) The matter is still under consideration in consultation with all stakeholders.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The State Government are being consulted.

Providing relief to workforce of unorganized sector

3444. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the categories of activities that fall in the unorganized sector;

(b) the estimated workforce engaged in this sector, category-wise, at the country level;